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Abortion bill requires docs to help fetus survive

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors performing late-term abortions would be required to take steps to give the fetus the best chance of survival, according to a Republican bill the House plans to debate this week. The legislation requires that if the fetus seems capable of surviving outside the womb, a second, neonatal doctor must be present to provide care and rush it to a hospital. The measure is likely to be strongly opposed by Democrats and faces a likely veto threat from President Barack Obama, giving it little chance of becoming law. The provisions are part of a broader bill criminalizing most abortions starting at the 20th week of pregnancy. Though the overall measure was described last week by Republican aides and lobbyists, language detailing the efforts required to save the fetus' life was not available until the measure's full text was

posted online Monday.

The focus on saving the fetus has been hailed by anti-abortion groups, who strongly support the overall legislation.

Republican leaders added the provisions aimed at saving the fetus' life to a late-term abortion ban bill that was slated for debate in January. They abruptly postponed that debate after Republican women and moderates objected that a rape victim would only be exempted from the abortion ban if she had reported her assault to a law enforcement agency.

The new version of the bill drops that requirement and allows rape victims to receive late-term abortions if they receive counseling or medical care — though not from an abortion clinic — within 48 hours of the procedure. The women had complained that requiring a report to law enforcement officials was unduly harsh and could portray Republicans as insensitive toward women.

As with the original bill, the



In this June 18, 2013 file photo, Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz. watches a House Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

measure's other exemptions to the late-term abortion ban include mothers whose lives are in danger and minors who are incest victims and report the assault to law enforcement authorities or agencies that respond to cases of child abuse. Doctors — but not mothers — who violate the law could be subject to fines and up to five years in

prison.

Newly added to the bill is a requirement that the mother sign a consent form acknowledging that an attempt will be made to let her fetus be born alive unless the mother's health would be threatened. In addition, women would be able to bring civil actions against doctors who violate the law, and the fed-

eral government would be required to compile statistics on abortions performed under the law.

Republican aides and lobbyists say the new bill was written after months of consultations with anti-abortion lawmakers and Republican women who objected to the initial bill.

House debate is scheduled for Wednesday. □

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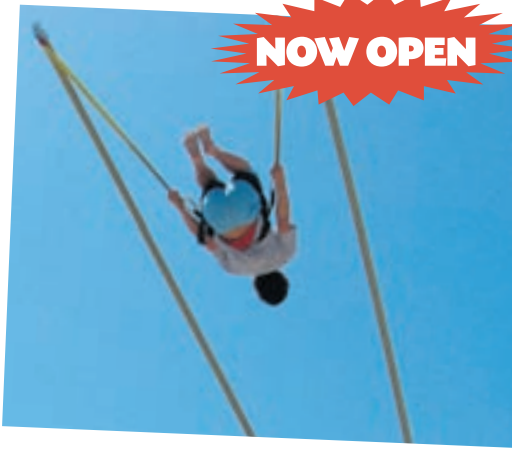
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Kerry heads to Russia in first visit since Ukraine crisis

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AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry departed Monday for Russia to meet with President Vladimir Putin, on his first visit to the country since relations between Washington and Moscow plummeted to post-Cold War lows amid disagreements over Ukraine and Syria. The State Department said Kerry would meet Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Tuesday at the Black Sea resort of Sochi. But in a sign of the considerable strains, the Kremlin said Putin's attendance had yet to be confirmed and the Russian Foreign Ministry previewed the talks by blaming Washington for the breakdown in relations. "The Obama administration chose the path of scaling back bilateral relations, proclaimed a course of isolating Russia on the international arena and demanded that those states that traditionally follow the lead of Washington support its confrontational steps," it said in a statement. Ukraine's crisis, it said, "was largely provoked by the United States itself." The rhetoric hardly augured well for a breakthrough on any of the many issues dividing the U.S. and Russia. Nevertheless, both sides stressed the importance of trying to work through some of the rancor that buried President Barack Obama's first-term effort to "reset" ties with Moscow.



In this May 6, 2015 file photo, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a joint press conference with Foreign Minister Mahamoud Ali Youssouf at the Presidential Palace, in Djibouti, Djibouti. Associated Press

"This just was a time that made sense," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said of Kerry's scheduled meeting with Putin. She said talks would cover the civil wars in Ukraine and Syria, and ongoing nuclear negotiations between world powers and Iran. The short trip to Sochi will be only Kerry's second to Russia since taking office. He visited Moscow in May 2013, meeting with Putin and Lavrov before the Ukraine crisis erupted and Russia annexed the Ukrainian territory of Crimea. White House spokesman Josh Earnest acknowledged the "complicated" relationship between the former foes, but insisted they could cooperate on "interests that benefit the

citizens of both our countries." Much hinges on violence decreasing in Ukraine, however. The Western-backed government in Kiev continues to be embroiled in a sporadic conflict between government and separatist rebel forces in its eastern regions of Donetsk and Luhansk despite a cease-fire agreement sealed in mid-February. Russia was party to that deal. Western nations say Russia supports the separatists with arms and manpower, and even directs some battlefield operations — all claims Moscow denies. In return, the Russians bristle at Washington's provisions to Ukraine of military assistance in the form of hard-

ware and training.

In late April, troops from the United States and Ukraine kicked off joint training exercises intended to help bolster Ukraine's defenses. The exercises, dubbed "Fearless Guardian-2015," sparked outrage from Russia, which described them as a potential cause of destabilization. During a visit to Moscow on Sunday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged Russia to use its influence to persuade separatists in Ukraine to abide by the oft-violated cease-fire. Ukraine says more than 8,000 people have died in the conflict that began in April 2014. Russia has stuck firmly to the line that the Ukrainian government retains the bulk of

responsibility for bringing about a settlement.

"We will use all the influence we have on the leadership in Donetsk and Luhansk to ensure the process proceeds at the required pace and attains the necessary level," Putin told Merkel on Sunday. Diplomats in Moscow and Washington are at odds over a range of other issues.

Russia last month announced it would lift a five-year ban on delivery of the S-300 air defense missile system to Iran, drawing a hasty rebuke from the United States.

The White House said the missile system would give the Islamic republic's military a strong deterrent against any air attack. The Kremlin argues that the S-300 is a purely defensive system that will not jeopardize the security of Israel or any other countries in the Middle East.

On Syria, Russia has defied a chorus of international condemnation to remain fast to the embattled government of President Bashar Assad. Following his stop in Sochi, Kerry will travel on to Antalya, Turkey, where he will attend a meeting of NATO foreign ministers on Wednesday. Kerry will return to Washington that same day to attend meetings between Obama and top officials of the Gulf Arab states, who are concerned by the possibility of a nuclear deal with Iran. □

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If Clinton is elected, family foundation could face changes

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AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's family foundation, already the subject of intense scrutiny in the early days of her White House campaign, faces an uncertain future if she is elected president.

Among the unresolved questions: Who would be able to raise money for the Clinton Foundation? Could it begin new projects, both at home and overseas? Is there way it could operate unburdened by conflicts of interest, real or perceived, while one of its founders sits in the White House?

While Clinton stepped down from the foundation's board after launching her 2016 campaign, husband Bill and daughter Chelsea still hold leadership roles. They currently have no plans to stop their fundraising and management activities during the campaign, nor is there a blueprint for their involvement if Hillary Clinton wins election, people close to the foundation said.

Options being considered include Chelsea Clinton taking the helm, with her father playing a more behind-the-scenes role; fully banning the acceptance of donations from abroad and implementing a more rigorous vetting process for domestic donors.

Neither the foundation nor Clinton's campaign will pledge publicly to give voters answers about the organization's future before the November 2016 election, but some people close to the Clintons want decisions made before Election Day.

The people close to the Clintons and the founda-

tion spoke on condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized to speak publicly about internal planning.

Campaign officials are also pushing the Clinton Foundation to be more aggressive in answering the criticism of its high-dollar fundraising. The organization has raised more than \$2 billion since former President Bill Clinton left office, money it uses to run 11 initiatives focused on global health, climate change, economic development, wellness and opportunities for women and girls.

That aggressive fundraising is currently the subject of intense scrutiny, as Republicans and others look for potential conflicts of interests and signs that donors to the foundation sought to influence the Obama administration during Hillary Clinton's four years as secretary of state.

The Clintons deny any improprieties. But the former president has started to hint that if his wife wins the White House, he may have to step down from the organization to avoid blurring the lines between U.S. government policy and the interests of donors.

"I might if I were asked to do something in the public interest that I had an obligation to do. Or I might take less of an executive role," Clinton said in a recent interview with NBC News. "But we'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

Some people close to the Clintons and the foundation say it's unlikely the former president could continue directly raising money if his wife wins election. But they say that could be a slow and difficult realization

for him to come to, given how much of his post-White House legacy is linked to the foundation's work.

There is far less certainty about the role Chelsea Clinton might play in the foundation's future. The 35-year-old has taken on a more direct role in recent years and is an obvious choice to take over from her parents. But despite being well-liked by donors, some question whether she would be able to raise the same level of money as her popular father.

Clinton Foundation officials have discussed how to sustain the organization financially if the former president can no longer directly raise money. □



In this Oct. 28, 2006 file photo, then-Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., speaks at a benefit gala for the Clinton Foundation at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

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Tornadoes kill at least 5 in Texas and Arkansas

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) -

Emergency responders searched through splintered wreckage Monday after a line of tornadoes battered several small communities in Texas and Arkansas, killing at least five people, including a young couple who died trying to shield their daughter from the storm.

Three people were still missing in a rural East Texas town. Scores of others were hurt, some critically.

The couple, both in their late 20s, died when a twister hit their mobile home late Sunday in the Arkansas town of Nashville.

Michael and Melissa Mooneyhan were trying to protect their daughter when the parents' trailer flipped over and "exploded," Howard County Coroner John Gray said.

"I had wondered if they were in an enclosed space like a hallway or a bathroom just sheltering the little girl when it hit," Gray said. "It's a miracle that little girl survived."

The girl, who is about 18 months old, was taken to the hospital and later released to relatives.

"That poor little girl is never going to know them," Gray said. "But she's young enough that she'll never remember what happened." The two parents met when they were teenagers attending different high schools and were married in April 2004, before they even graduated.

Polly McCammack, who also lives in Nashville, is Melissa's third cousin. A week ago, she said, the close-knit family lost their grandmother who "practically raised" Melissa and her siblings.

"The family has been hit hard. They're strong, but it's almost like to the point



Grace Santo, 14, holds hands with her mother, Vista, right, as they survey severe weather damage at an elementary school, Monday, May 11, 2015, in Van, Texas.

you're afraid to breathe," McCammack said.

Michael Mooneyhan worked in the deli department of the local Wal-Mart. Melissa was a stay-at-home mom doting on their daughter.

"That baby was definitely their life. They considered her their greatest blessing. You couldn't find two parents who loved a child more," McCammack said. "She's going to grow up knowing family and knowing love."

Family members went to the site of the destroyed home looking for mementos, toys and other things they could salvage for the little girl, McCammack said. National Weather Service investigators confirmed a tornado with a preliminary EF2 rating and winds estimated at 125 mph touched down in Nashville, meteorologist Travis Washington said.

The county's tornado sirens were sounded for so long during Sunday's first tornado warning that the battery was drained, Howard County Emergency Management Coordinator Sonny Raulerson said.

When a second warning

was issued for about 16 miles south of Nashville, the sirens could not be sounded, Raulerson said.

In neighboring Texas, a tornado pummeled the small city of Van, damaging or destroying 50 to 100 homes and the local schools, according to Chuck Allen, fire marshal and emergency management coordinator for Van Zandt County.

Authorities confirmed at least two deaths.

For much of the day, eight people were still unaccounted for in Van, population 2,600, about 70 miles southeast of Dallas. Searchers eventually located five of them alive and planned to continue looking for the others into the evening. Officials confirmed that the tornado was an EF3, with winds from 135 mph to 140 mph, Allen said.

Rescuers went door to door. Damage was widespread, with trees uprooted and numerous homes and buildings flattened or ripped apart.

At least 42 people were injured, according to two East Texas hospitals. Four patients were in critical condition.

James Crawford and his

wife, Thelma, rode out the storm in their mobile home in the area with some of Van's worst damage.

They were in bed and did not have time to run, she said. All she could do was roll over and give her husband a bear hug while they held on.

Thelma Crawford said she believes their home lifted off the ground a bit, then came back down.

"We're like family in that neighborhood," she said. "When one of them gets hurt, I hurt."

In some cases, the fronts of homes were sheared off, revealing living room furniture tossed in a jumble. Houses were spray painted with an X to indicate they had been searched by emergency workers.

Kimberli Shane held a muddy hand to her forehead as she watched friends and neighbors salvage furniture from the home she rented. "All I could really hear was the house pulling apart," she said. "And my son saying, 'Oh no, it's right over us.'"

Preliminary reports indicate 20 to 25 tornadoes formed Sunday in South Dakota,

Iowa, Oklahoma and Texas, according to meteorologist Greg Carbin of the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

The storm system was expected to slowly move east. Thunderstorms were forecast from Texas to the Great Lakes region.

"This is certainly not an atypical system for spring where you've got the remnants of winter but the onset of summer," Carbin said.

The same storm system dumped 11 inches of rain in some places and caused widespread flooding. Firefighters in Corsicana, 60 miles southwest of Van, recovered the body of a driver who had ventured into the floodwaters after his vehicle stalled in a swollen creek.

The heavy rain caused a huge sinkhole to open up in Granbury, some 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth. The 40-foot-wide sinkhole swallowed the parking lot of a supermarket and damaged water and sewer lines beneath, WFAA-TV reported.

Farther north, in Lake City, Iowa, a suspected tornado tore the roof from a high school as about 150 students, family and faculty attended an awards ceremony inside Sunday night. Dave Birks, girls' basketball coach at South Central Calhoun High School, said people were able to flee to the basement and locker room area about two minutes before the twister arrived.

"The lights went off, and everyone's ears kind of popped," Birks said, adding that school windows were blown out and insulation was scattered nearby. He also said the high-jump pit from the school's outdoor athletic complex was missing, and hurdles were scattered everywhere. □



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Former CIA officer sentenced to 3½ years in Iran leaks case

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ALEXANDRIA, Virginia (AP)

— A former CIA officer was sentenced Monday to 3½ years in prison for leaking details of a secret mission to thwart Iran's nuclear ambitions, a sentence that was received with a measure of relief from his legal team and paled in comparison to the decades-long term that had been on the table.

Jeffrey Sterling, 47, had faced federal sentencing guidelines calling for 20 years or more, as well as a push by prosecutors urging a severe sentence for a leak they said hit the nation's security apparatus at its core.

A jury convicted him in January of telling New York Times journalist James Risen about a classified plan to trick the Iranian government by slipping flawed nuclear blueprints through a Russian intermediary.

Former Secretary of State and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice testified at Sterling's trial that the Merlin mission was one of the few options available to the U.S. as it sought to stop Iran's nuclear program.

After the sentencing, defense lawyers Edward MacMahon and Barry Pollack thanked U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema for what they considered a fair sentence. They said they still plan to appeal the conviction.

"In some cases, the jury gets it wrong," Pollack said. "That said, the judge today got it right."

Sterling showed no visible reaction when the judge imposed the sentence. He spoke briefly before the sentence was imposed but made no admission of guilt and did not apologize, as is common at sentencing hearings. Instead, he simply thanked the judge and the court staff for treating him courteously.

Prosecutors did not recommend a specific term of imprisonment but made clear that they were seeking a severe sentence. They seemed dissatisfied with Brinkema's decision. Prosecutor James Trump questioned whether Brinkema really intended to impose a 42-month term that runs concurrently on all nine counts of conviction, because the result is that Sterling is serving the same term that would have been imposed if the jury had convicted him on only a single count.

Brinkema said that was indeed her intention. At the start of the hearing, she told both sides right away that the guidelines calculation of 20 years was too high.

The defense said his punishment should be more in line with that of former CIA Director David Petraeus. He got probation last month for leaking classified information to his biographer, who was also his mistress.

Instead, Brinkema com-



In this Jan. 26, 2015 file photo, former CIA officer Jeffrey Sterling leaves federal court in Alexandria, Va.

pared Sterling to another case that defense lawyers had cited in their papers. John Kiriakou, also a former CIA officer, pleaded guilty in 2012 to disclosing the identity of a covert agent to a reporter and was sentenced to 2½ years in prison. Brinkema said the offenses were similar but that Sterling should get a slightly longer sentence because Kiriakou admitted his guilt in a plea bargain, while Sterling admitted no wrongdoing and went to trial.

He said the environment now for whistleblowers is "worse than it's ever been," not only because of the prosecutions but because of the pervasiveness and effectiveness of sur-

veillance technology that makes it easy to know who is talking.

The classified operation at the heart of the trial involved using a CIA asset nicknamed Merlin, who had been a Russian nuclear engineer. Merlin traveled to Vienna in 2000 to foist deliberately flawed nuclear-weapons blueprints on the Iranians, hoping they would spend years trying to develop parts that had no hope of ever working.

Risen published details of the Merlin operation in his 2006 book "State of War." Sterling was charged in 2010 but the trial was delayed for years, in part because of legal wrangling about whether Risen could

be forced to testify. Ultimately, prosecutors chose not to call Risen as a witness, despite winning legal battles allowing them to do so.

Without Risen's testimony, prosecutors built a circumstantial case against Sterling. They introduced evidence showing regular contact between Risen and Sterling by phone and email.

Prosecutors argued that Sterling was motivated by spite to retaliate against perceived mistreatment at the agency. Sterling, who is African-American, had unsuccessfully sued the agency for racial discrimination. □

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Woman gets life sentence in granddaughter's running death

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GADSDEN, Alabama (AP) — An Alabama woman convicted of running her 9-year-old granddaughter to death as punishment for lying about candy was sentenced Monday to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Joyce Hardin Garrard, the diminutive grandmother whom prosecutors depicted as the "drill sergeant from hell," stood before the judge, and told him if she could have anything in the world, it would be to have her granddaughter Savannah back with her today. Garrard gripped the hand of her defense attorney as Etowah County Circuit Judge Billy Ogletree said he would uphold a jury's recommendation of life without parole, rather than death by lethal injection. Her husband, Johnny Garrard, cradled another of the couple's grandchildren as the sentence was read. Prosecutors said Garrard forced 9-year-old Savan-



In this March 20, 2015, file photo, Joyce Hardin Garrard is led back to the Etowah County Detention Center in Gadsden, Ala. Associated Press

nah Hardin to run for hours after school after Garrard became enraged over the child's lie. A jury convicted Garrard of capital murder in March and recommended the life sentence over death by a 7-5 vote.

"We accept the recommendation that the jury made," Etowah County District Attorney Jimmie Harp told Ogletree.

Outside the courtroom af-

ter the sentencing, Johnny Garrard said he was outraged by the verdict because his wife wasn't guilty. "It's wrong. It's plain wrong. I know what happened that day. And what they say happened, is not what happened. It's all just wrong," Garrard said. Garrard denied that she meant to harm the child. She told investigators the girl wanted to run and get faster after finishing second

in a race at school, according to police testimony.

Prosecutors depicted Garrard as a woman who became so enraged that she made the child run until she dropped.

Testimony at trial showed that Savannah Hardin collapsed and vomited in 2012 outside her rural home following an afternoon of running and carrying sticks. She died several days later in a hospital after doctors removed her from life support. Surveillance video from a school bus shown to a jury showed Garrard talking with the bus driver, Raenna Holmes, about Savannah taking candy without paying from another student who was selling it. Garrard told Holmes: "She's going to run until I tell her to stop." Investigators said an autopsy revealed the girl was severely dehydrated and compared her condition to that of an athlete who ran a marathon without drinking any water. Defense lawyers challenged the autopsy findings.

Prosecutors during the trial said the 9-year-old girl suffered a painful death at the hands of a woman who was supposed to protect her, her grandmother.

"Life without parole in the state of Alabama means you come out of Julia Tutwiler prison in a pine box," Harp said after the sentencing.

"We talk about the death penalty but life inside Julia Tutwiler prison ... until the point she ceases to exist, is a death sentence to me. It's just a question of when that death occurs," Harp said.

Defense lawyer Dani Bone said he was pleased the judge and prosecutor agreed to uphold the jury's recommendation of a life sentence, instead of the death penalty.

"Joyce handled this like a Christian woman with strong faith," Bone said.

The child's stepmother, Jessica Mae Hardin, is charged with murder and awaiting a separate trial. □

George Zimmerman not seriously hurt after shooting

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LAKE MARY, Florida (AP) — Police said Monday that the man acquitted in 2013 of fatally shooting of an unarmed black teenager that sparked protests and national debate about race, was not seriously injured after being involved in a shooting.

Officer Bianca Gillett said during a news conference Monday that George Zimmerman was not the shooter and investigators hadn't determined yet if any charges will be filed.

"We have not determined how or why the incident or

altercation began," Gillett said. She said, the alleged gunman, Matthew Apperson, called police to report the shooting.

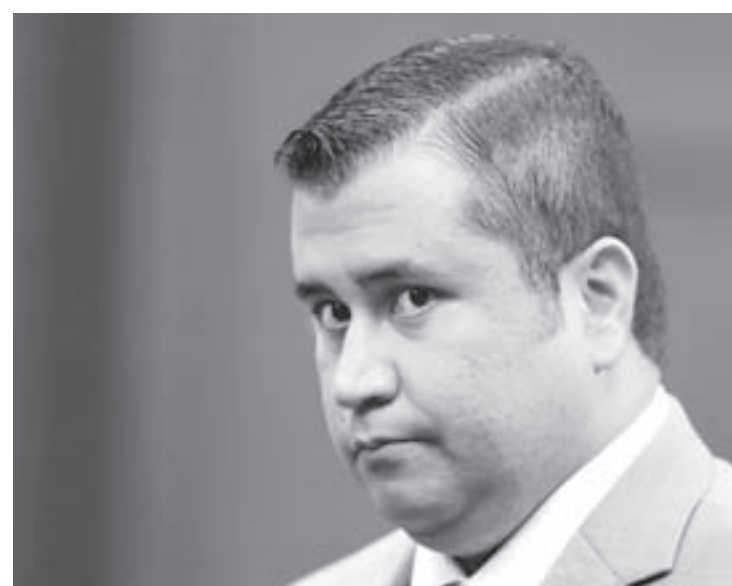
Last September, Apperson said Zimmerman threatened to kill him during a confrontation in their vehicles. Apperson decided not to pursue charges, and police officers were unable to move forward without a car tag identified or witnesses. "I explained to Matthew that without the tag, witnesses, and/or clear video identifying the driver as George Zimmerman, it might be difficult to prove the alleged suspect was in fact Zimmerman," the po-

lice officer wrote in a report last September.

On Monday, a bullet missed Zimmerman's head, but he wasn't seriously hurt, his attorney said.

In the latest of a string of incidents since he was acquitted in the killing of Trayvon Martin, Zimmerman was sprayed with glass from his vehicle's windshield and other debris in the Orlando suburb of Lake Mary, said the attorney, Don West.

"His injuries would be considered minor," West said. "The bullet missed his head. I think it broke a window and lodged in his vehicle." Zimmerman was released from a hospital. □



In this July 9, 2013, file photo, George Zimmerman leaves the courtroom for a lunch break his trial in Seminole Circuit Court, in Sanford, Fla.

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French president calls for end to U.S. embargo on Cuba

ANNE-MARIE GARCIA Associated Press HAVANA (AP) — French President Francois Hollande called on Monday for ending of the U.S. trade embargo on Cuba, saying France "will be a faithful ally" as Cuba reforms its centrally planned economy and tries to re-enter the global economic system.

Hollande's one-day trip made him the first French president to visit Cuba since it became an independent country. Along with a large contingent of French executives, he is focused on strengthening business and diplomatic relations five months after the declaration of detente between Havana and Washington.

He visited former President Fidel Castro mid-afternoon on Monday, Ecology Minister Segolene Royal told reporters.

Top diplomats from Japan, the European Union, Italy, the Netherlands and Russia have visited the island in recent months in bids to stake out or maintain ties with an island that suddenly looks like a brighter economic prospect amid warming U.S.-Cuba relations.

Almost all have been accompanied by business people interested in Cuba's push to draw more than \$8 billion in new foreign investment as part of a broader, gradual economic liberalization. The delegations are also working to ensure that Cuba doesn't forget its old friends in what eventually could be a new era of increased business with the United States.

Speaking at the University



Flanked by Cuban Vice President of the Council of Ministers Ricardo Cabrisas, left, and Cuban Minister for Foreign Trade Rodrigo Malmierca, French President Francois Hollande speaks during a meeting with Cuban and French businessman at the Sevilla Hotel in Havana, Monday, May 11, 2015. Associated Press

of Havana, Hollande said "France will do everything it can to aid the process of opening Cuba and help get rid of measures that have so seriously damaged Cuba's development."

Hollande's address, in

which he announced plans to increase academic exchanges with Cuba and mutually recognize the other country's university degrees, was attended by First Vice-President Miguel Diaz-Canel, the man widely expected to succeed

President Raul Castro when he steps down in 2018. Hollande planned to meet Castro later Monday

Hollande also met with Cardinal Jaime Ortega to award him the Legion of Honor, France's highest

honor, and inaugurate a new building for the Alliance Francaise cultural center in Cuba.

Shortly afterward, Hollande broke from his official schedule and walked down Cuba's elegant but crumbling Paseo promenade, chatting with passersby and startled French tourists who took photos with him.

Hollande, who is on a tour of the Caribbean, was accompanied by five of his ministers and nearly two dozen French executives, including representatives of Pernod Ricard beverages, hotel company Accor, Air France, supermarket Carrefour and the telecommunications company Orange.

Spain, the Netherlands, Italy and France are Cuba's biggest trading partners within the European Union, which is the island's second-largest economic partner with a combined \$4.65 billion a year in trade in food, machinery and other goods. □

Alexandre Lamfalussy, helped found euro currency, dies at 86

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Belgian economist Alexandre Lamfalussy, who headed the institution that became the European Central Bank and was credited as one of the founders of the shared euro currency, has died at age 86.

The ECB said in a statement Monday that "core building stones" of the shared currency were put in place under Lamfalussy's stewardship. It called him "one of the euro's founding fa-

thers."

Lamfalussy headed the Frankfurt-based European Monetary Institute from 1994-97. The institute laid the groundwork for the creation of a supra-national central bank to manage the new currency.

The institute became the European Central Bank in July 1998, under its first president, Wim Duisenberg. The euro was introduced on Jan. 1, 1999, with 11 member countries. It now has

19, after Lithuania joined in January. Member countries have struggled recently to overcome excessive debt and poor growth.

As head of the EMI, Lamfalussy helped to define the bank's monetary policy strategy and to devise the technical means to implement it across multiple countries. The ECB sets interest rates for the countries that use the euro currency.

Lamfalussy was born in Hungary in 1929 and studied

economics at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium and at Oxford University's Nuffield College, according to a biography on the website of the Catholic University of Louvain. He served as general manager of the Bank for International Settlements, an important forum for the world's central banks, in Basel from 1985 to 1993.

Details on when Lamfalussy died and the cause of death were not provided in the ECB statement. □

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Shock result in Polish vote could signal larger power shift

**VANESSA GERA
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Associated Press**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — President Bronislaw Komorowski lost the first round of the country's presidential election to a previously unknown 42-year-old member of the European Parliament, in what is being called the biggest shock in Polish politics in years. The defeat for the communist-era dissident, who has long polled as one of the nation's most trusted leaders, is a sign that parliamentary elections this fall could be unpredictable. It could even signal a possible return to power for Law and Justice, the right-wing group backing Sunday's winning presidential candidate Andrzej Duda.



Main opposition candidate Andrzej Duda greets supporters during his election night as first exit polls show he won the first round of the presidential balloting, in Warsaw, Poland, Sunday, May 10, 2015.

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has emerged to back up his theory.

Adam Michnik, editor of the influential daily Gazeta Wyborcza, wrote of what he called the "suspicion and fear" that reigned in Poland at the time, when the government fought corruption and the influence of former communists in ways that many Poles felt amounted to excessive state intrusion.

Another commentator, Pawel Wronski, called Sunday's apparent results "the biggest surprise in Polish politics in the last years."

Komorowski's poor showing reflects growing dissatisfaction with the way the country is going under Civic Platform, a business friendly party which has been in power since 2007. The party was founded by the former prime minister, Donald Tusk, now head of the European Council. Commentators say Komorowski has suffered from being closely identified with the party and not opposing its more unpopular proposals, such as raising the retirement age.

The strong showing in the presidential race for Pawel Kukiz, a former punk rock musician with an anti-establishment message, was another sign that Poles are disgruntled. Kukiz came third with 20.8 percent of the vote after campaigning for Poland to introduce single-member constituencies like in Britain to replace the current party list system, part of a larger message that the system is rotten.

Kukiz argues that choosing individual candidates rather than parties in electing lawmakers to parliament will be more transparent and give voters more influence. □



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A runoff in two weeks will decide the final outcome. In the first round, Komorowski took 33.8 percent of the votes compared to 34.8 percent for Duda, according to official results released early Tuesday. In all there were 11 candidates. The result is undeniably a defeat for Komorowski, a center-right leader who earlier this year was expected to easily win far above 50 percent of the vote, avoiding a runoff altogether.

When Law and Justice ran the government once before, from 2005-2007, Poland clashed repeatedly with officials in Brussels and ties with ally Germany grew strained. The party has also been extremely critical of Russia.

Party leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski has blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin for the death of his twin brother, the late President Lech Kaczynski, in a 2010 plane crash. No evidence

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U.N. rights experts knock Paraguay over pregnant 10-year-old

PEDRO SERVIN
Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)

— Paraguay's government has failed to protect a 10-year-old rape victim who is being denied an abortion, United Nations human rights experts said on Monday.

In a statement released in Geneva, the four experts said Paraguay has refused to provide treatment to save the life of the girl, who is five months pregnant, "including safe and therapeutic abortion in a timely manner."

The case has set off a national debate in Paraguay where abortion is banned in all cases — even rape — except when the mother's life is in danger.

"The Paraguayan authorities' decision results in grave violations of the rights to life, to health, and to the physical and mental integrity of the girl as well as her right to education, jeopardizing her economic and social opportunities," the experts said.

The World Health Organization says such child pregnancies can be dangerous, potentially leading to complications and death. The girl's stepfather, who is accused of raping her, was arrested over the weekend and placed in isolation to prevent other inmates from attacking him. The girl's mother is being held at a female prison for neglecting to take care of her daughter.

About 600 girls 14 or under become pregnant each year in this country of 6.8 million people. Studies by the U.S. Centers for Disease

Control say thousands of children in the United States also give birth each year.

Amnesty International has asked authorities to allow an abortion to protect the girl.

Health Minister Antonio Barrios has responded that she is in good health at a Red Cross hospital and that her pregnancy, at five months, is too advanced.

But a medical panel was created on Monday to assess her mental and physical health, said Jose Orue, the public defender for children in the city of Luque, where the girl lived with her mother and stepfather near the Paraguayan capital.

Experts say the girl isn't ready mentally or physically to give birth. "When her baby arrives, the justice system will have to set a guardian and tutors for both of them," Orue said. Paraguayan forensic psychologist Franca La Carubba said that though the girl is not prepared to be a mother, with medical care she might be able to give birth.

"The aftermath of rape could remain when she becomes a teenager or an adult. It's the most common disorder in these cases," she said.

The president of the country's Episcopal Conference, Msgr. Claudio Gimenez, recently decried the possibility of a therapeutic abortion, saying that Paraguay is already split over the case.

"Some want to legalize abortion, the killing of an innocent who still is in a period of gestation," he said.

"And for the other side, those who oppose that idea."

But Sen. Esperanza Martinez, a former health minister, complained that the debate about whether the girl is physically able to bear a child overlooks her own well-being.

Groups staged small protests in Asuncion and in Ciudad del Este, on the other side of the country, on Monday demanding authorities intervene under the slogan: "Together we can protect children from abuse." □



People protest against child abuse, demanding stronger penalties for violators, in downtown Asuncion Paraguay, Monday, May 11, 2015.

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Along with Saudi king, most Gulf rulers to skip U.S. summit

ADAM SCHRECK
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — It is not just the Saudi king who will be skipping the Camp David summit of U.S. and allied Arab leaders. Most Gulf heads of state won't be there.

The absences will put a damper on talks that are designed to reassure key Arab allies, and almost certainly reflect dissatisfaction among leaders of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council with Washington's handling of Iran and what they expect to get out of the meeting.

Rulers of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman never publicly announced they would attend the summit — so officially at least, there was no reversal of plans.

However, White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters in Washington on Monday that Saudi King Salman had formally accepted the invitation to meet with President Barack Obama ahead of the summit.

Late on Sunday, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir announced that newly installed Salman will not be attending. The ostensible reason was because the upcoming summit on Thursday coincides with a humanitarian cease-fire in the conflict in Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition is fighting Shiite rebels known as Houthis.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, who is also interior minister, will lead the Saudi delegation and the king's son, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who is defense minister, will also attend.

Obama had planned to meet Salman one-on-one



In this Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015 file photo, President Barack Obama is greeted by new Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz as the president and first lady Michelle Obama arrive on Air Force One at King Khalid International Airport, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Associated Press

a day before the gathering of leaders at the presidential retreat but the White House did not take the Saudi king's decision to skip the summit as a sign of any substantial disagreement with the United States.

The king, who took power in January after his brother King Abdullah died, has not traveled abroad since his ascension to the throne.

The tiny island kingdom of Bahrain said separately that its delegation would be headed by the country's crown prince, Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bahrain, whose leadership has close ties to the Saudis, is an important military ally of the U.S. It is the long-standing host to the Navy's 5th Fleet, which is responsible for operations around the Arabian Peninsula and northern Indian Ocean, and is Washington's main

naval counterbalance to Iran. At the summit, leaders of Gulf nations will be looking for assurances that they have Obama's support at a time when the region feels under siege from Islamic extremists and by Iran's rising influence. The Gulf states worry the nuclear pact taking shape with the U.S., Iran and other nations may embolden Tehran to act more aggressively in the region.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has expressed similar concerns, saying the emerging deal will leave too much of Iran's nuclear infrastructure intact while giving it quick relief from economic sanctions. Netanyahu has been an outspoken critic of the deal, raising tensions with the White House. U.S. attempts to reassure Israel that the deal will

have strong safeguards have done little to ease its concerns. Netanyahu has claimed that moderate Sunni Arab countries see "eye to eye" with Israel on the matter, though he has not elaborated.

Abdulkhaleq Abdullah, a professor of political science at Emirates University, said Gulf leaders were staying away from the Camp David gathering to signal their displeasure over the nuclear talks.

"I don't think they have a deep respect, a deep trust for Obama and his promises. There is a fundamental difference between his vision of post-nuclear-deal Iran and their vision," he said. "They think Iran is a destabilizing force and will remain so, probably even more, if the sanctions are lifted. ... They're just not seeing things eye to eye."

The sultan of Oman, Qaboos bin Said, is among those staying away. The sultanate will be represented instead by the deputy prime minister, Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, and other officials, the country's official news agency announced.

The sultan's absence comes as little surprise. The long-serving monarch, whose country maintains cordial relations with Iran and has served as a go-between for Tehran and Washington, returned home in March after spending several months in Germany being treated for an undisclosed illness.

Health issues will also keep the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, from attending. He suffered a stroke in January last year and has not been seen publicly since.

The influential Abu Dhabi crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, will lead the Emirati delegation. The president's half-brother, he held talks with Obama at the White House last month.

Abdullah, the Emirati professor, said the Gulf ties with the United States remain strong, but they have been strained during Obama's tenure.

He said Obama is seen within the region as impersonal compared to his predecessors. He also noted that recent comments to The New York Times in which Obama warned that dissatisfaction at home was perhaps a bigger threat than Iran came across as unnecessary "lecturing."

"You just pre-empted the whole meeting with this kind of statement," he said. □



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Aruba Tourism Authority honored a Loyal and friendly visitor as Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba



Recently Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a loyal and friendly visitor. The honoree is Mrs. Victoria Rosman, resident of Massachusetts. Honorees are members of Divi Village and have been enjoying the Island every

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New York Yankees starting pitcher Michael Pineda reacts after striking out Baltimore Orioles' Ryan Flaherty during the seventh inning of the baseball game at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, May 10, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press

Pineda strikes out 16, Yankees beat Orioles 6-2

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Pineda struck out a career-high 16 batters in seven dominant innings as the New York Yankees downed the Baltimore Orioles 6-2. Pineda (5-0) matched David Cone and David Wells for the second-most strikeouts in a game by a Yankees pitcher. Ron Guidry fanned 18 in 1978.

The 16 strikeouts were the most by the Orioles against one pitcher in a nine-inning game, according to STATS. Baltimore struck out against 18 times overall, a club record for a nine-inning game.

Bud Norris (1-4) took the loss. The Orioles dropped five of six during their week in New York against the Yankees and Mets.

ROYALS 2, TIGERS 1, 10 INNING

DETROIT (AP) — Greg Holland worked out of a bases-loaded, nobody-out jam in the bottom of the 10th inning as Kansas City held on to beat Detroit 2-1 in a game that was delayed 103 minutes by rain.

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Brady suspended, Patriots fined over deflate-gate

In this Jan. 18, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds a football during warm ups before the NFL football AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts in Foxborough, Mass.

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Nadal drops out top 5 for first time in 10 years



Rafael Nadal of Spain makes a speech after losing to Andy Murray of Britain during the men's final at the Madrid Open Tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, May 10, 2015.

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal dropped out of the top five in the ATP rankings for the first time in 10 years on Monday after failing to defend his title at the Madrid Masters.

Nadal, a two-time defending champion in the Spanish capital, lost to Andy Murray on clay for the first time in Sunday's final.

It was Nadal's fourth loss on his favorite surface this year, only two weeks before starting his quest for a 10th French Open title.

"I haven't been able to play two weeks in a row, well, in the whole year,"

Nadal said.

The 28-year-old Nadal dropped to seventh in the rankings, meaning he could face highest-ranked opponents as early as the quarterfinals at Roland Garros.

Novak Djokovic is still the top-ranked player, followed by Roger Federer and Murray.

Nadal was ranked seventh on May 2, 2005, the last time he was out of the top five.

"Whatever will happen, will be," Nadal said. "It's something that we have to realize, all of us,

that what's happening

during these last years, it's very complicated to be 10 or 11 years without leaving the top four."

Nadal is playing in Rome this week, where has been seeded No. 4 and placed in the same half of the draw as Federer.

Nadal is struggling to get back to his best after a wrist injury and an appendectomy last season.

His 6-3, 6-2 loss to Murray in Madrid marked the first time he lost four matches on clay during the same season since 2003.

"Let's hope these days don't repeat themselves very often," Nadal said. □

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Omar Infante's sacrifice fly in the top of the 10th put the Royals ahead, but Holland allowed a single and two walks to start the bottom half. Hernan Perez — batting because Miguel Cabrera had been removed for a pinch-runner the previous inning — bounced into a 5-2-3 double play, but another walk to Victor Martinez loaded the bases again.

Holland then struck out Yoenis Cespedes for his sixth save in six chances.

Jason Frasor (1-0) got the win, working out of a bases-loaded jam of his own in the ninth after the rain delay in the middle of the inning.

Angel Nesbitt (0-1) took the loss.

RED SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO (AP) — Mike Napoli hit a three-run homer and Pablo Sandoval added a two-run shot as Boston beat Toronto 6-3 to avoid a three-game sweep.

Clay Buchholz (2-4) allowed three runs in 6 1-3

innings for his first victory in six starts. The last-place Red Sox won for just the second time in nine games.

Carl Willis joined the Red Sox for his first game as their new pitching coach. He replaced Juan Nieves, who was fired Thursday.

Junichi Tazawa pitched 1 2-3 innings and Koji Uehara finished for his sixth save.

R.A. Dickey (1-4) lost for the third time in four starts.

WHITE SOX 4, REDS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Gordon Beckham hit a game-winning single against Aroldis Chapman in the ninth as Chicago beat Cincinnati.

Chapman (1-1) got the first two outs of the inning, then gave up back-to-back singles to Avisal Garcia and Alexei Ramirez. They advanced to second and third on a wild pitch, then on a 2-2 pitch Beckham singled to center to end the game, breaking the tie.

It was Chapman's first earned run of the season in 12 2-3 innings.

White Sox closer David



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez reacts after he struck out Oakland Athletics' Eric Sogard to end the seventh inning of a baseball game, Sunday, May 10, 2015 in Seattle.

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Robertson (3-0) couldn't hold a 3-1 lead in the ninth. He gave up back-to-back singles to start the inning to Devin Mesoraco and Bryan Pena. After a pass ball by Geovany Soto to advance the runners to second and third Zack Cozart doubled down the left-field line to tie the game.

MARINERS 4, ATHLETICS 3

SEATTLE (AP) — Felix Hernandez became the fourth-youngest player to reach 2,000 career strikeouts while giving up two runs over seven innings to lead Seattle to a win against Oakland.

Hernandez, at 29 years, 32 days old, is behind only

Bert Blyleven, Sam McDowell and Walter Johnson, who were all 28 when they reached 2,000 strikeouts.

The right-hander started Sunday's game against the Oakland Athletics with 1,995 strikeouts. In the fifth inning, Hernandez fell behind leadoff batter Sam Fuld 3-1 before striking him out looking at a fastball for No. 2,000.

Hernandez (6-0) added one more strikeout on his final batter, getting Eric Sogard swinging to end the seventh inning.

Marcus Semien hit two solo home runs off Hernandez for the first multi-homer game of his career.

Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth and earned his ninth save 10 chances.

Oakland starter Jesse Chavez (1-3) didn't give up a hit in the first three innings before running into trouble.

INDIANS 8, TWINS 2

CLEVELAND (AP) — Danny Salazar retired 21 straight batters after giving up a home run to start the game as Cleveland defeated Minnesota. □

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NFL suspends Brady 4 games for deflated footballs

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AP Sports Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL came down hard on its biggest star and its championship team, telling Tom Brady and the Patriots that no one is allowed to mess with the rules of the game.

The league suspended the Super Bowl MVP Monday for the first four games of the season, fined the New England Patriots \$1 million and took away two draft picks as punishment for deflating footballs used in the AFC title game.

"Each player, no matter how accomplished and otherwise respected, has an obligation to comply with the rules and must be held accountable for his actions when those rules are violated and the public's confidence in the game is called into question," NFL executive vice president of football operations Troy Vincent wrote to Brady.

The Patriots lose next year's first-round pick and a fourth-round choice in 2017.

Brady would miss the season's showcase kickoff game on Sept. 10 against Pittsburgh, then Week 2 at Buffalo, a home game against Jacksonville and a game at Dallas. He will return the week of a Patriots-Colts AFC championship rematch in Indianapolis.

He would be replaced by Jimmy Garoppolo, a 2014 second-round selection from Eastern Illinois who won the Walter Payton award as the best player in the FCS. He has thrown 27 NFL passes, including one touchdown.

Brady has three days to appeal the suspension to Commissioner Roger Goodell or his designee. His agent, Don Yee, said "the discipline is ridiculous and has no legitimate basis" and that Brady will appeal.

"And if the hearing officer is completely independent and neutral, I am very confident the Wells Report will be exposed as an incredibly frail exercise in fact-finding and logic," Yee said in a statement. The Patriots did not immediately comment on the punishments. The league also indefinitely sus-

pended the two equipment staffers believed to have carried out the plan, including one who called himself "The Deflator."

Vincent wrote letters to the team and Brady saying a league-sponsored investigative report established "substantial and credible

Bartolo Jr., then the San Francisco 49ers' owner, who pleaded guilty to a felony in his role in a Louisiana gambling scandal in 1999.

Vincent told the Patriots the punishment was handed out regardless of whether the flatter footballs — which can be easier to grip and

In his 243-page report released by the league last week, Wells found that the team broke the rules again, this time by deflating the game footballs after they had been checked by officials. Although the report did not conclusively link the four-time Super Bowl champion to the illegal activity, text messages between the equipment staffers indicated that Brady knew it was going on. Investigators said Brady's explanation for the messages was implausible. "It is unlikely that an equipment assistant and a locker room attendant would deflate game balls without Brady's knowledge and approval," the report said.

The NFL allows each team to provide the footballs used by its offense — a procedure Brady played a role in creating — but it requires them to be inflated in that range of 12.5-13.5 pounds per square inch. Footballs with less pressure can be easier to grip and catch, and Brady has expressed a preference for the lower end of the range.

Brady said last week that the scandal hasn't taken away from the team's 28-24 Super Bowl win over Seattle — its fourth NFL title since the 2001 season.

"Absolutely not," he said at a previously planned appearance in Salem, Massachusetts, last Thursday night. "We earned everything we got and achieved as a team, and I am proud of that and so are our fans." Fans chanted "Brady" and "MVP," then gave him a standing ovation as he entered the arena in the town made famous by the colonial witch trials. Since the airing of the scandal in the hours after the Colts game, New England fans have been unwavering in their support for the team, blaming the investigation on grudges by opponents jealous of the team's success. The Patriots' odds for winning another championships dropped from 7-1 to 10-1, according to the Glantz-Culver line.

San Francisco defensive tackle Darnell Dockett's reaction in a tweet was: "You have to love the patriots. They do anything to win a Super Bowl." □



In this Feb. 2, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, left, poses with NFL Commissioner Rodger Goodell during a news conference where Brady was presented the Super Bowl MVP in Phoenix, Ariz.

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evidence" that the quarterback knew the employees were deflating footballs and failed to cooperate with investigators.

The investigation by attorney Ted Wells found that Brady "was at least generally aware" of plans by two Patriots employees to prepare the balls to his liking, below the league-mandated minimum of 12.5 pounds per square inch.

The Patriots defeated the Indianapolis Colts 45-7 and went on to beat the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl.

The fine matches the largest the NFL has handed out, to Ed De-

catch — affected the outcome of the blowout win over the Colts. Vincent said the flattening of balls probably began much earlier.

"While we cannot be certain when the activity began, the evidence suggests that January 18th was not the first and only occasion when this occurred, particularly in light of the evidence referring to deflation of footballs going back to before the beginning of the 2014 season," he wrote.

"It is impossible to determine whether this activity had an effect on the outcome of games or what that effect was."

James hits jumper at buzzer, lifts Cavs over Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — LeBron James hit a jump shot from the corner at the final buzzer to give the Cleveland Cavaliers an 86-84 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday, leveling the Eastern Conference semifinal series at 2-2.

James finished with 25 points to help the Cavaliers win in another wild finish, returning the favor after Chicago took Game 3 on Derrick Rose's banked 3-pointer at the buzzer.

This time, James got whistled for an offensive foul when he elbowed Mike Dunleavy Jr. That led to a tying layup for Rose with 9.4 seconds left.

"I was supposed to take the ball out," James said. "I told Coach there was no way I'm taking the ball out unless I could shoot it over the backboard and go in. So I told him, 'Have somebody else take the ball out.' The play that was drawn up, I scratched it. I just told Coach, 'Just give me the ball. We're either going to go into overtime or I'm going to win it for



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, left, shoots the game-winning shot against Chicago Bulls guard Jimmy Butler during the second half of Game 4 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series in Chicago on Sunday, May 10, 2015. The Cavaliers won 86-84.

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us."

James, playing the final quarter on a sprained left ankle, ended it with the jumper from the corner over Jimmy Butler.

Game 5 is Tuesday in Cleveland.

James committed eight turnovers and struggled again from the field, hitting 10 of 30 shots. He is 18 of 55 the past two games. But he also had 14 rebounds and eight assists.

Kyrie Irving, playing with a sore foot, was 2 of 12 and had 12 points and two assists.

Timofey Mozgov had 15 points and nine rebounds. J.R. Smith came on strong down the stretch, scoring all but two of his 13 in the fourth quarter.

Rose scored 31 points and Jimmy Butler added 19 for Chicago, which was playing without Pau Gasol. He sat out with a strained left hamstring, and his status for Game 5 is in question.

CLIPPERS 128, ROCKETS 95 In Sunday's other playoff, DeAndre Jordan scored 26 points, surviving Houston's

intentional-foul fest in the first half as the Los Angeles Clippers took a 3-1 series lead to put the Rockets on the brink of elimination in the Western Conference semifinals.

Jordan made 14 of 34 free throws, attempting an NBA playoff-record 28 in the first half, and had 17 rebounds. Blake Griffin added 21 points, J.J. Redick had 18 points and Chris Paul finished with 15 points and 12 assists in the Clippers' second straight blowout win in the best-of-7 series.

They can advance to the conference finals for the first time in franchise history with a victory in Game 5 Tuesday night in Houston. James Harden scored 21 points and Trevor Ariza added 18 for the Rockets. Dwight Howard was held to seven points and six rebounds after being in foul trouble most of a game that grinded to a halt early on when Houston started forcing Jordan to the line. Howard fouled out with 9:52 remaining and left the court. □



Anaheim Ducks right wing Corey Perry, left, celebrates his game winning goal the Patrick Maroon during overtime in Game 5 of an NHL hockey second-round playoff series against the Calgary Flames in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, May 10, 2015.

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Corey Perry scored from a goalmouth scramble 2:26 into overtime as the Anaheim Ducks advanced to the Western Conference

finals with a 3-2 victory over the Calgary Flames on Sunday in Game 5 of their second-round series.

Matt Beleskey got the tying power-play goal early

in the third period for the Ducks, who will face the Chicago Blackhawks for a spot in the Stanley Cup finals.

The Pacific Division cham-

Perry puts Ducks past Flames 3-2 in OT, into conf. finals

pion Ducks are in their first conference finals since 2007, the year of their only NHL championship.

Perry limped off the ice in the second period with an apparent leg injury, but returned moments later. He wrapped up the night with his NHL-leading 15th point of the postseason, cashing in a rebound for his seventh goal. Frederik Andersen made 17 saves and Ryan Kesler scored a power-play goal in the second period for the Ducks, who have won eight of their nine playoff games this spring.

Jiri Hudler and Johnny Gaudreau scored early goals for the Flames in the final game of their first play-

off trip since 2009.

RANGERS 4, CAPITALS 3

In Sunday's other playoff, Chris Kreider scored in the first minute and final second of the opening period, and Rick Nash and Dan Boyle added goals in the third as the New York Rangers held on to edge the Washington Capitals 4-3 and force a Game 7 in the second-round playoff series. New York led 2-0, then 4-1 with less than 12 1/2 minutes left in regulation. But Washington's Evgeny Kuznetsov and Joel Ward put the puck past Henrik Lundqvist less than 3 minutes apart to make it a one-goal game with nearly half a period to go. □

NL Capsules

Harper doubles and singles, Nationals beat Braves for sweep

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Streaking slugger Bryce Harper doubled, singled and drove in another run — but didn't homer — as Washington beat Atlanta 5-4 for a three-game sweep.

Harper had hit six home runs in his previous three games. He doubled home a run, giving him 13 RBIs in four games, and also scored once.

Wilson Ramos hit a tiebreaking double off Cody Martin (1-2) to cap a two-run rally in the eighth inning, sending the Nationals to their 10th win in 12 games. Ramos and Ryan Zimmerman each had a double, single and two RBIs.

Sammy Solis (1-0) pitched one inning for his first major league win and Drew Storen closed for his ninth save.

DODGERS 9, ROCKIES 5

DENVER (AP) — After the snow was cleared from Coors Field, the Los Angeles Dodgers used Justin Turner's tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning to send the Colorado Rockies to their ninth straight loss, 9-5. The series finale began on time after the first two games were affected by the wet weather that has socked Colorado for a week. The gametime temperature was 41 degrees and it dropped to 39 degrees in the ninth.

Turner's two-run homer highlighted a four-run burst in the eighth. Adrian Gonzalez hit two doubles and drove in four runs as the Dodgers beat Colorado for the eighth straight time dating to last season. Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw failed in his fourth bid for his 100th regular-season win. The reigning NL MVP and Cy Young Award winner gave up five runs on eight hits and four walks in 5 2-3 innings.

It was 5-all in the eighth when Turner connected off Scott Oberg (1-1) for his fifth homer.

Pedro Baez (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win.

BREWERS 3, CUBS 2, 11 INNINGS

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Martin Maldonado singled over the Cubs' drawn-in outfield with one out in the 11th inning, lifting Milwaukee past Chicago.

After a 7-18 start, the Brewers went 4-3 in Craig Counsell's first week as manager since taking over for the fired Ron Roenicke.

Chicago went to a five-man infield and brought in their remaining two outfielders with the bases loaded. Maldonado, who homered earlier, hit a deep fly off Jason Motte (1-1).

Michael Blazek (3-0) pitched a perfect top of the 11th.

GIANTS 3, MARLINS 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Matt Duffy singled in Gregor Blanco with two outs in the ninth inning to cap a two-run rally off closer Steve Cishek and lift San Francisco over Miami.

The Giants had been quiet offensively most of the game until breaking out against Cishek (1-2), who had not allowed an earned run in 13 previous appearances against the defending World Series champs. Cishek struck out Justin Maxwell to open the ninth before getting into trouble. Andrew Susac singled and Blanco doubled. Joaquin Arias pinch-ran for Susac and stayed at third when pinch-hitter Buster Posey was intentionally walked to load the bases.

After pinch-hitter Angel Pagan struck out, Cishek walked Nori Aoki to force in the tying run. Duffy, hitless in his previous four at-bats, followed with the first game-ending hit of his career.

Santiago Casilla (4-0) retired two batters for the win, helping the Giants split the four-game series.

PIRATES 4, REDS 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jung Ho Kang went 2 for 4 with a home run and two RBIs and

Pittsburgh beat St. Louis. The Cardinals dropped two of three in Pittsburgh, their first series loss of the season. With the game tied 3-3, Kang hit a go-ahead RBI single in the seventh inning. Kang hit his second home run of the season in the first inning, a shot to left field off a 0-2 fastball left over the middle of the plate from St. Louis left-hander Tyler Lyons. Kang's home run gave Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead.

Jared Hughes (1-1) got the final out of the seventh for the victory.

Kang struck again for the Pirates in the seventh after pinch-hitter Steve Lombardozzi walked and advanced to second on a sac bunt. Kang singled to left off Mitch Harris to give Pittsburgh a 4-3 lead.

Harris (1-1) gave up a run on a hit and walked two in the seventh.

Mark Melancon earned his seventh save with a scoreless ninth.

METS 7, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bartolo Colon became the first pitcher in the majors with six wins, and Curtis Granderson hit a two-run homer to lead New York over Philadelphia.

Colon (6-1) won again despite giving up a homer to opposing pitcher Chad Billingsley (0-2). The right-hander, who turns 42 this month, allowed four runs with six strikeouts and no walks in six-plus innings.

Colon extended his streak without a walk to 40 1-3 innings, pulling closer to the franchise record of 47 set by Bret Saberhagen in 1994. The 2005 AL Cy Young Award winner has 40 strikeouts and one walk this season.

Daniel Murphy had three hits and pinch-hitter Johnny Monell delivered a two-run double for the Mets, who have won nine of 10 series against Philadelphia since 2012. Jeurys Familia pitched a scoreless ninth for his NL-leading 13th save in as many opportunities. □



Washington Nationals' Bryce Harper, right, and Wilson Ramos, left, celebrate their 5-4 win over the Atlanta Braves in a baseball game, Sunday, May 10, 2015, in Washington.

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Gatlin eager for showdown with Bolt in August at worlds

PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

Justin Gatlin ruled the track last season in a very Usain Bolt-like fashion: 18 wins in 18 races.

Impressive and all, but comes with a tiny caveat: Bolt never lined up in the lane next to Gatlin last summer. The Jamaican world-record holder took time off to heal nagging injuries since there were no major meets.

Now bring on the planet's fastest sprinter, though their first 100-meter showdown may not take place until August at the world championships in Beijing.

The wait is fine with Gatlin — builds intrigue. It also gives the 33-year-old American more time to get up to speed in the 200 as well, because he's going after both of Bolt's world titles.

In new shoes, too, after returning to Nike, the company that dropped him after his doping offense in 2006 led to a four-year ban.

"Usain's obviously the gold standard," said Gatlin, who kicks off the defense of his 100-meter Diamond League crown in Doha, Qatar, on Friday. "I can't sit here and belittle him and say, 'Hey man, he's not the guy.' Because he is the



In this March 28, 2015, file photo, Justin Gatlin, of USA Blue, races toward the finish line in the men's 400-meter invitational at the Texas Relays track and field meet in Austin, Texas.

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guy. He's broken a lot of records people thought were unbreakable."

Gatlin's certainly not intimidated by Bolt, who's captured gold in the 100 and 200 at the last two Olympics. After all, it was Gatlin who handed Bolt a rare loss at a meet in Rome two years ago, when he out-leaned Bolt at the finish.

"I'm aware of the talent that Bolt brings to the track and I'll be more cautious than I have fear," said Gatlin, who took gold at the

2004 Athens Games and bronze eight years later in London. "I know what it takes, focus-wise, to be able to say, 'I know what I need to do to be on top.'" Gatlin won't run the 100 at the U.S. championships next month in Eugene, Oregon. No reason to — being the reigning 100-meter champion of the Diamond League, he has an automatic bye into the event at worlds. That allows him to dabble in the 200, which he won at the 2005 world

championships.

"I'd like to go out there and experience what it's like to double again," said Gatlin, a former University of Tennessee standout who trains in Florida. "I haven't doubled in a long time. Fast running, too."

After all, Gatlin thinks the world record in the 100 could fall in Beijing, especially with Bolt returning to form. It's a lightning-quick track Bolt knows intimately well after breaking the record inside the Bird's Nest during the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In Germany a year later, Bolt toppled the world mark again, lowering the record to where it currently stands at 9.58 seconds.

"You have to have the mindset to say, 'I want to run 9.5 or 9.6' and go achieve it. You can't say, 'I want to get the gold just by beating the guy next to me,'" explained Gatlin, whose fastest time is 9.77, which he set last September.

To get even leaner in the offseason, Gatlin cut down on carbs, including pasta and bread. This after dropping cheeseburgers and chocolate from his diet the year before.

Simply the price to catch

up to Bolt. And while Gatlin would welcome facing Bolt before world championships, he doesn't envision a scenario where that will happen.

"When it comes to being the man, and if you feel like you're not 100 percent ready, you're not going to race anybody who's going to be a threat," said Gatlin, who was on the U.S. 400 relay team that beat Bolt and his Jamaican buddies at the World Relays in the Bahamas on May 2. "You're going to race them on your terms. That's a wise business decision."

Recently, Bolt called out Gatlin's American teammate Tyson Gay by saying Gay's reduced ban for cooperating with investigators was "the stupidest thing I've ever heard," in an interview with Runner's World magazine published in The Times of London newspaper.

Gay received a backdated one-year suspension last year after testing positive for a steroid at nationals in 2013. He was given the reduced penalty because he provided evidence to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency that led to an eight-year ban for his former coach, Jon Drummond. □



Michael Matthews wears the pink jersey of the race's overall leader as he celebrates crossing the finish line to win the third stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Rapallo to Sestri Levante, Italy, Monday, May 11, 2015.

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SESTRI LEVANTE, Italy (AP) — Michael Matthews sprinted to victory Monday in the third stage of the Giro d'Italia to remain in the overall lead, and then dedicated his win to the in-

jured Domenico Pozzovivo. Pozzovivo crashed on a descent within 40 kilometers (25 miles) of the finish. The Italian fell hard and stayed on the ground for several minutes. He received

Michael Matthews wins Stage 3 of Giro to retain overall lead

medical attention and was moving and breathing unaided as he was taken to the hospital by an ambulance.

"Domenico suffers from a cranial-facial trauma but the scanner reveals no intra-cranial lesion," AG2R team physician Eric Bouvat said. "He has deep wounds above his right eye and received stitches. He is conscious and lucid but has no memory of the crash."

The crash brought back memories of Belgian cyclist Wouter Weylandt, who died after crashing on a descent on the third stage of the Giro in 2011. Weylandt's parents were at the start of Monday's stage,

two days after the fourth anniversary of his death.

Pozzovivo, who was regarded as an outside contender for the overall title, had lost time on the race leaders after being caught up in one of several crashes on Sunday.

"I'd like to devote my win to my team and Pozzovivo," Matthews said. "I'm really relieved to hear he's OK."

Matthews crossed the line half a length ahead of Fabio Feltin and Philippe Gilbert on the short but hilly 136-kilometer (84.5-mile) route from Rapallo to Sestri Levante.

"It's been a dream come true so far in this Giro

d'Italia," Matthews said. "We planned for a team time trial win and this was another big goal for us and we pulled it off."

Matthews, part of the Orica Green-Edge team that won Saturday's opening team time trial, moved six seconds ahead of Simon Clarke and 10 ahead of Simon Gerrans. The three Australians are all teammates.

Tuesday's fourth stage is another undulating route, featuring three categorized climbs along the 150-kilometer (93-mile) route from Chiavari to La Spezia.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall: Smart mirrors boost sales

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AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine a fitting room with a "smart" mirror that suggests jeans to go with the red shirt you brought in. It snaps a video so you can compare the image side-by-side with other colorful shirts you try on. It might even show you how the shirt will fit without you having to undress.

A handful of primarily upscale retailers, including Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom, are testing versions of this high-tech fitting room. And experts say the masses will be able to try these innovations at more stores in the next few years as the technology gets cheaper.

This trend is a way stores aim to catch up to online rivals like Amazon.com that are able to gather information on which items shoppers browse and use that to recommend other products. The new technology that enables physical stores to collect much of the same data as online retailers raises privacy questions, but executives say customers are offered a choice and the data is protected.

Stores are tapping into the significant role the often-forgotten fitting room can play in purchase decisions. While 36 percent of store browsers wind up buying something, 71 percent of shoppers who try on clothes in the fitting room become buyers, according, Paco Underhill, a retail consultant. Yet the typical fitting room isn't always inviting: Only about 28 percent of shoppers even walk into a dressing room of a typical clothing chain, Underhill says.

"The dressing room experience in many places has been close to miserable," Underhill said. "There's bad lighting. They're dirty. And they have poor service."

Some companies are working to change that

rectly from the mirror and have them shipped.

Other technologies already are being tested in stores. In recent years, stores that include Bloomingdale's and Top Shop have tested technology that enable shoppers to

ting off motion-triggered changes of clothing. MemoryMirror uses pixel technology that captures even small details such as a wrinkle on a skirt as it moves.

Even for those trying on the clothing, the mirror

ting rooms in three of its locations. It is considering activating the "virtual dressing" feature.

John Koryl, president of Neiman Marcus stores and online, said the mirror allows the retailer to for the first time have spe-



In this photo taken Wednesday, April 15, 2015, sales manager Alysa Stefani demonstrates the Memory Mirror at the Neiman Marcus store in San Francisco's Union Square.

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impression. Later this year, Big Space, a technology company, plans to test at an undisclosed clothing chain a new mirror that recognizes the gender of a customer and makes recommendations based on that. Customers also will be able to request or purchase the items di-

see how they look in an outfit without trying it on. The patented MemoryMirror from a company called MemoMi is one of the most advanced in this so-called virtual dressing, a feature that's expected to be tested in U.S. stores later this year. The mirror is outfitted with sensors, set-

also doubles as a video camera, capturing a 360 degree view of what an outfit looks like and making side-by-side comparisons. Shoppers can replay the video and share with friends

Earlier this year, Neiman Marcus rolled out the MemoryMirror outside fit-

cific information regarding who tried on the dress and bought it. He said while shoppers must register for a unique account with their email address to use the mirror's features. Any data collected on the mirror's usage is anonymous and aggregated, he said. □

Complaints against airlines rise, Frontier ranks worst

DAVID KOENIG

AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Consumer complaints against airlines are rising even as the carriers get slightly better at staying on schedule.

The U.S. Department of Transportation said Monday that it received more complaints from consumers in March than it did in either the previous month or March of 2014.

While the numbers are still very small — only about one in every 50,000 passengers complains to the government — they vary greatly among carriers.

Passengers on Frontier Airlines were 34 times more likely to complain than passengers on Southwest Airlines, which has the lowest complaint rate. Spirit Airlines had the second-worst rate.

Frontier and Spirit are so-called ultra-low-cost carriers that charge low base fares but add fees for many things including carry-on bags and seat assignments. A Frontier spokesman, Jim Faulkner, said customers who called the reserva-



In this Oct. 15, 2014 file photo, a Frontier Airlines employee directs passengers at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, in Cleveland.

tions center in March were sometimes put on hold for up to 45 minutes as the airline switched to a new reservations system.

Faulkner said that Frontier added staffing, and hold times have been reduced to under three minutes. He said complaints were down so far in May.

Transportation Department

officials recently discussed the complaint levels with both Frontier and Spirit, according to a department spokeswoman. There are no penalties for having a high complaint rate, but the department considers them when deciding whether to investigate potential violations of rules dealing with fare advertis-

ing, overselling flights and other consumer issues.

Overall, the March complaint rate among the 14 airlines covered in the government report jumped 27 percent from February and 55 percent from the previous March.

The Transportation Department said that 78.7 percent of flights operated by

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those 14 airlines arrived on time in March, up from 72.8 percent in February and 77.6 percent in March 2014. The government defines an on-time flight as one that arrives within 14 minutes of schedule.

Hawaiian Airlines — blessed by usually good weather and lots of short flights in its home state — ranked best, while Frontier was last. Frontier said it is increasingly focused on getting the first flight of the morning out on time so that delays don't cascade throughout the day. Envoy Air, a regional carrier that operates many American Eagle flights, had by far the highest rates for canceled flights and lost or damaged bags.

Envoy spokeswoman Martha Thomas said that when bad weather hits, American often gives priority to its flights and cancels regional flights with smaller planes and fewer passengers. She said increased staffing and schedule changes at hub airports in Chicago and Dallas have led to better on-time performance in April and May. □



Specialist Fabian Caceras, left, works with trader Thomas Cicciari on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, May 11, 2015.

Associated Press

ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

The U.S. stock market took a small step back on Monday, giving up some of its big gains from last week.

Crude oil prices fell, pulling down energy stocks. Exxon Mobil lost 1.7 percent, the most in the Dow Jones industrial average. The price of oil slipped as traders weighed declining drilling in the U.S. against

rising gasoline supplies that could crimp demand for crude in the coming weeks. Benchmark U.S. crude fell 14 cents to close at \$59.25 a barrel in New York.

The market was coming off its biggest gain in two months on Friday following news that U.S. employers added 223,000 jobs in April, a solid gain suggesting that the economy may be recovering after a stumbling

U.S. stock indexes edge lower, led by the energy sector

start to the year.

That sentiment helped cool off demand for bonds on Monday. As a result, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.26 percent, its highest level of the year so far, from 2.15 percent late Friday.

"It's a day of digestion after big news and a big move on Friday," said Eric Wiegand, a senior portfolio manager at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

The Dow fell 85.94 points, or 0.5 percent, to 18,105.17. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 10.77 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,105.33. The Nasdaq composite slipped 9.98 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,993.57. The three indexes are up for the month and year.

The indexes barely budged much of the day. Absent

major new economic data, investors mostly focused Monday on the latest corporate deal news and company earnings.

Noble Energy's \$2.1 billion all-stock buyout of rival oil and gas production company Rosetta Resources failed to impress traders, however. Noble's shares slumped \$3.05, or 6.2 percent, to \$46.07. It was the biggest decliner among S&P 500 companies.

The slide in oil prices also hurt stock prices for several other oil producers and drilling equipment companies. QEP Resources fell \$1.13, or 5.2 percent, to \$20.46, while Pioneer Natural Resources slid \$6.07, or 3.8 percent, to \$152.99. National Oilwell Varco shed \$1.90, or 3.6 percent, to \$51.33.

"We have crude down a

little bit today and energy stocks are having a tough time," said JJ Kinahan, TD Ameritrade's chief strategist. The 10 sectors in the S&P 500 declined, led by energy stocks. The sector is down 0.2 percent for the year. The rest of this week should provide traders some insight into a key facet of the U.S. economy: consumer spending.

Several major retailers report quarterly results, including Macy's, J.C. Penney, Nordstrom's and Kohl's. Also, the government reports its latest monthly tally of retail sales on Wednesday.

"Are the people out there spending money? That's what we need to see next," Kinahan said. "That's what everybody is having a bit of trouble figuring out." □

Beyond the Demon Sheep



Gail Collins

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Do you want the next president to be somebody who brags about not being a politician?

Think about that for a minute. "Politician" isn't a popular term right now. But claiming that you're not one when you run for president is a little like applying for a job as brain surgeon by announcing, "I am not a physician." This week we acquired three new candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. Two are running on the not-a-politician line. That would be Carly Fiorina, the former head of Hewlett-Packard, and Ben Carson, a retired - yes! - neurosurgeon.

The third is the former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee. We have met Huckabee before, and we will have many future opportunities to discuss his remarkable transformation from poor country lad to governor of Arkansas, from likable conservative candidate for president in 2008 to the rather mean right-winger we're stuck with now.

But today let's consider Fiorina and Carson, who want you to elect them to the highest office in the land because they have never held elective office.

Carson ("I'm not a politician") became a Tea Party hero when he began denouncing Obamacare ("the worst thing that has happened in this nation since slavery"), comparing American society to Nazi Germany and claiming the president resembled "most psychopaths."

Some political experts believe he is the kind of Republican who can do well in Iowa. Is that true, Iowa? I would rather think better of you. Fiorina is running as the anti-Hillary. ("I think if Hillary Clinton faces a woman opponent, she will get a hitch in her swing.") She is the kind of person who tells you that when she went to college she studied philosophy, ancient Greek, Latin, French and German, then adds that she also took Italian, "But that was just for the fun of it."

That last bit comes from her memoir, which chronicles her rise to head of Hewlett-Packard in 1999, followed by a rather inglorious firing in 2005 for reasons that she most definitely feels were not her fault.

In her first campaign video, she's shown watching Clinton's announcement. We now have vid-

eos of candidates attacking other candidates' videos. Soon we will drop debates entirely in favor of tweet-offs.

"Our founders never intended us to have a professional political class," Fiorina says, turning to the camera.

Virtually every elected president in U.S. history - not counting the occasional military hero - made his way to the top by getting elected to other offices first. There are a couple of exceptions who just served in the Cabinet, like Herbert Hoover. We can all look forward to hearing a candidate vow to return us to the golden days of the Hoover administration.

Fiorina's answer is to go back to men like Thomas Jefferson (state legislator, governor, diplomat, secretary of state, vice president), who she says believed strictly in "citizen government." The Founders may not have liked the idea of a political class, but they picked presidents who were part of one. Public men, whose experience in private enterprise frequently involved running a plantation into the ground.

Fiorina, whose tenure at Hewlett-Packard included a controversial merger deal and the layoff of about 30,000 employees, is actually an excellent example of why we don't want the country to be run like a business. The American people aren't just shareholders. They would like their government to be efficient, and they would like the budget to balance. But they also want a lot of other stuff - protection from evildoers, compassion for the needy, assistance in retirement, highways without potholes, good schools, a healthy environment.

Who gets what first is a political question. One that preferably would be resolved without having any internal crises so exciting that the chief executive gets tossed out of office.

People who run for president boasting that they aren't politicians are frequently just trying to compensate for a lack of political skill. Carson (who presumably wants to run government like an operating room) is going to appeal to the folks who think the military is plotting to take over Texas, but otherwise, his only political gift seems to be for making outrageous statements. Fiorina ran for the Senate in 2010 and was beaten by Barbara Boxer, who was thought to be a vulnerable incumbent until Fiorina got hold of her, racking up a grand total of 42 percent of the vote.

On the plus side, Fiorina's campaign produced one of the all-time great attack videos, in which her more moderate primary opponent was depicted as a Demon Sheep, portrayed by a man crawling across the grass with what looked like a woolly rug over his back and a piece of cardboard on his face. After that it was downhill all the way.

If you're shopping for candidates with no experience in the business they want to lead, I'd say at least go for the one with the Demon. But really, there are smarter buys. □



Germany, the Green Superpower



Thomas L. Friedman

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BERLIN - A week at the American Academy in Berlin leaves me with two contradictory feelings: One is that Germany today deserves a Nobel Peace Prize, and the other is that Germany tomorrow will have to overcome its deeply ingrained post-World War II pacifism and become a more serious, activist global power. And I say both as a compliment.

On the first point, what the Germans have done in converting almost 30 percent of their electric grid to solar and wind energy from near zero in about 15 years has been a great contribution to the stability of our planet and its climate. The centerpiece of the German Energiewende, or energy transformation, was an extremely generous "feed-in tariff" that made it a no-brainer for Germans to install solar power (or wind) at home and receive a predictable high price for the energy generated off their own rooftops. There is no denying that the early days of the feed-in tariff were expensive. The subsidies cost billions of euros, paid for through a surcharge on everyone's electric bill. But the goal was not simply to buy more renewable energy: It was to create demand that would drive down the cost of solar and wind to make them mainstream, affordable options. And, in that, the energiewende has been an undiluted success. With price drops of more than 80 percent for solar, and 55 percent for wind, zero-carbon energy is now competi-

tive with fossil fuels here.

"In my view the greatest success of the German energy transition was giving a boost to the Chinese solar panel industry," said Ralf Fuecks, the president of the Heinrich-Boell-Stiftung, the German Green Party's political foundation. "We created the mass market, and that led to the increased productivity and dramatic decrease in cost." And all this in a country whose northern tip is the same latitude as the southern tip of Alaska!

This is a world-saving achievement. And, happily, as the price fell, the subsidies for new installations also dropped. The Germans who installed solar ended up making money, which is why the program remains popular, except in coal-producing regions. Today, more than 1.4 million German households and cooperatives are generating their own solar/wind electricity. "There are now a thousand energy cooperatives operated by private people," said energy economist Claudia Kemfert. Oliver Krischer, the vice chairman of the Green Party's parliamentary group, told me: "I have a friend who comes home, and, if the sun is shining, he doesn't even say hello to his wife. He first goes downstairs and looks at the meter to see what (electricity) he has produced himself. ... The idea now is that energy is something you can (produce) on your own. It's a new development." And it has created so much pushback against the country's four major coal/nuclear utilities that one of them, E.On, just split into two companies - one focusing on squeezing the last profits from coal, oil, gas and nuclear, while the other focuses on renewables. Germans jokingly call them "E.Off" and "E.On."

One problem: Germany still has tons of cheap, dirty lignite coal that is used as backup power for wind and solar, because cleaner natural gas is more expensive and nuclear is being phased out.

So if that's the story on renewable power, how about national power? Two generations after World

War II, Germany's reticence to project any power outside its borders is deeply ingrained in the political psyche here. That is a good thing, given Germany's past. But it is not sustainable. There is an impressive weight to Germany today - derived from the quality of its governing institution, its rule of law and the sheer power of its economy built on midsize businesses - that is unique in Europe. When you talk to German officials about Greece, their main complaint is not about Greek fiscal policy, which is better lately, but about the rot and corruption in Greece's governing institutions. The Greeks "couldn't implement the structural reforms they needed, if they wanted to," one German financial official said to me. Athens' institutions are a mess.

With the United States less interested in Europe, Britain fading away both from the European Union and the last vestiges of its being a global military power, France and Italy economically hobbled and most NATO members shrinking their defense budgets, I don't see how Germany avoids exercising more leadership. Its economic sanctions are already the most important counter to Russian aggression in Ukraine. And in the Mediterranean Sea, where Europe faces a rising tide of refugees (and where Russia and China just announced that their navies will hold a joint exercise in mid-May), Germany will have to catalyze some kind of EU naval response. The relative weight of German power vis-à-vis the rest of Europe just keeps growing, but don't say that out loud here. A German foreign policy official put their dilemma this way: "We have to get used to assuming more leadership and be aware of how reluctant others are to have Germany lead - so we have to do it through the EU."

Here's my prediction: Germany will be Europe's first green, solar-powered superpower. Can those attributes coexist in one country, you ask? They're going to have to. □

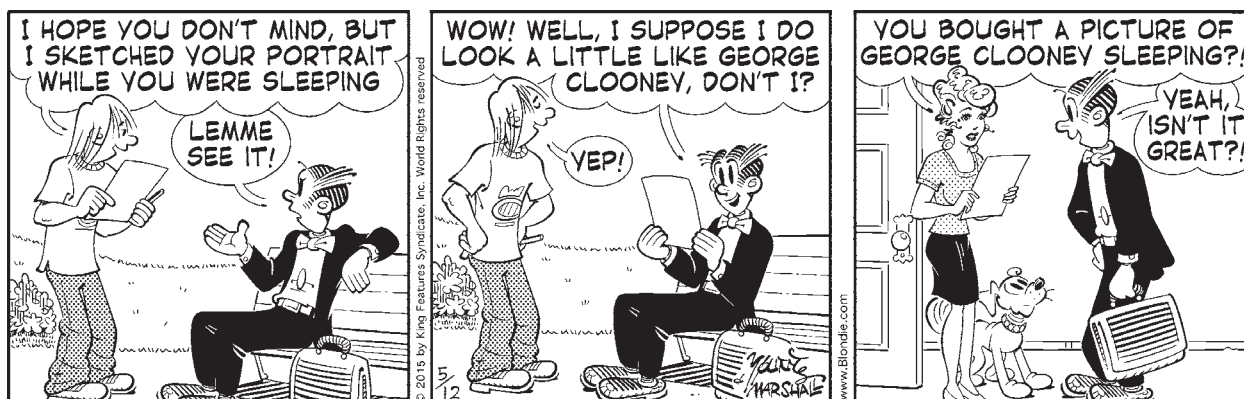
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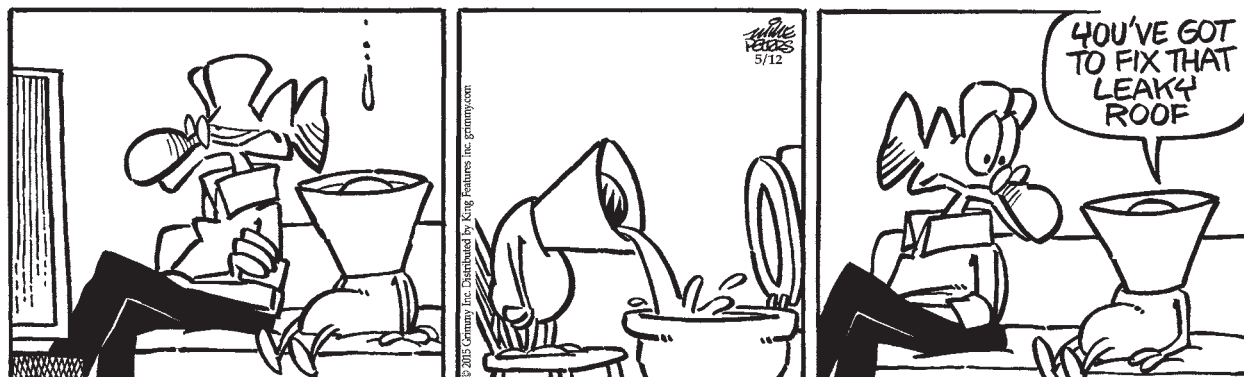
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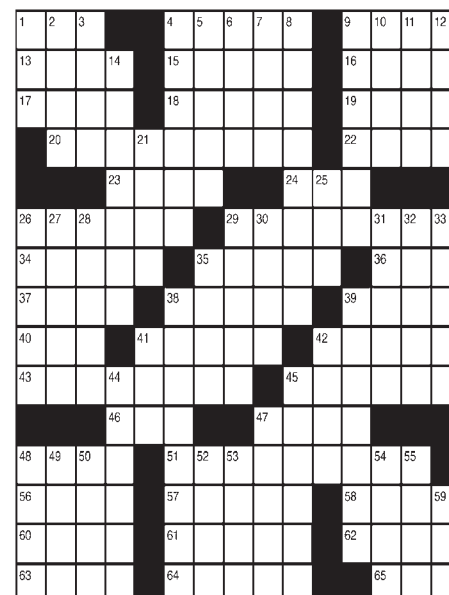
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

1	6	3	2	4	5	7	8	9
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7	8	4	5	6	9	2	1	3
3	1	6	7	2	4	8	9	5
9	2	5	8	3	1	6	4	7
8	5	2	9	7	3	1	6	4
4	9	7	6	1	8	5	3	2
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ACROSS

- 1 ___ and don'ts; rules
- 4 Accumulate
- 9 Sport played on horseback
- 13 ___ Domini; AD
- 15 Pretty woman at the ball
- 16 "Once ___ a time..."
- 17 Sun's ray
- 18 "M*A*S*H" role
- 19 Greenish-blue
- 20 Buy in hopes of making a profit
- 22 Actor Griffith
- 23 Cuts off
- 24 League for Ducks and Penguins: abbr.
- 26 Take willingly
- 29 Bangkok's nation
- 34 Plunders
- 35 One of seven deadly sins
- 36 Hawaii's Mauna ___
- 37 Word of woe
- 38 Irritate
- 39 Money owed
- 40 Prefix for place or pronoun
- 41 Ascended
- 42 TV's Milton ___
- 43 Stop signs, e.g.
- 45 Sews lightly
- 46 Shortest month: abbr.
- 47 Nag; complain
- 48 Cartoon bear
- 51 Misfortune
- 56 Qualified
- 57 Idaho's capital
- 58 Sing the praises of
- 60 Feel dizzy
- 61 ___ yokel; small-town resident
- 62 ___ A Sketch; classic toy
- 63 Like purple hair
- 64 ___ board; nail file
- 65 "Lucy in the ___ with Diamonds"



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- 1 ___ on; apply a small amount
- 2 Singles
- 3 Ginger cookie
- 4 Rudely brief
- 5 Lunch & dinner
- 6 "M*A*S*H" star
- 7 Narrow board
- 8 Bard's love song
- 9 "Don't ___ your eggs in one basket"
- 10 Candid; frank
- 11 Washerful
- 12 Merely
- 14 Breakfast orders
- 21 Police officers
- 25 Rush
- 26 Hertz rival
- 27 Baby's ailment
- 28 Seashore
- 29 Lock of hair
- 30 Bee's home
- 31 Watchful
- 32 Gallant
- 33 Desert fruits

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- 35 Lowly laborer
- 38 Likely
- 39 Regardless of
- 41 Years lived
- 42 Saloons
- 44 Far ___; at a great distance
- 45 Hardly
- 47 Actor Romero
- 48 Playground
- 49 Follow orders
- 50 Happiness
- 52 Sad fate
- 53 Bad habit
- 54 Little children
- 55 "That food looks awful!"
- 59 Your, biblically

Mom plans to sue after autistic daughter removed from plane

TIM FOUGHT

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)

— An Oregon woman said Monday she intends to sue United Airlines after her flight home made an emergency landing, and authorities removed her family from the plane after she and the flight crew had problems finding her autistic 15-year-old daughter something to eat.

Donna Beegle said her daughter, Juliette, can be a picky eater and sometimes lashes out if she doesn't get what she wants, but she hopes a lawsuit would lead to training for airline employees about dealing with people who have autism. "This is about a few, simple accommodations," she said. United, however, said flight crews did make special concessions for the girl but ultimately "made the best decision for the safety and comfort of all of our customers and elected to divert to Salt Lake City after the situation became disruptive."

The conflict came May 5 on a flight home from a family trip to Disney World. The girl had refused to eat at a layover in Houston and had turned down nuts, raisins, a granola bar and Juliette's favorite blue Jolly Ranchers that the family had packed, Beegle said. Juliette wanted a hot meal, Beegle said, so she purchased a chicken sandwich and asked for it to be warmed in a microwave. The crew refused, she said, telling her the sandwich would get soggy.

Beegle said she told flight attendants that her daughter was about to have a tantrum, and that she could scratch someone. After about 40 minutes, Beegle said, the crew got the teen a hot serving of jambalaya from first class, "and she was perfectly happy."

Shortly afterward, however, an emergency landing in Salt Lake City was announced, and they were removed, she said. □

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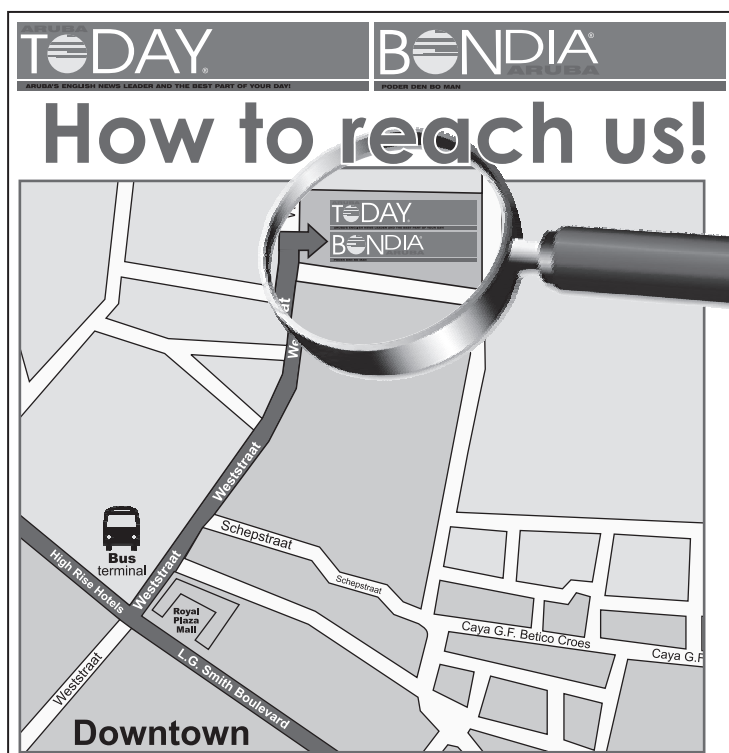
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Sea rise threatens Florida coast, but no statewide plan

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ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida (AP)

— America's oldest city is slowly drowning.

St. Augustine's centuries-old Spanish fortress sits feet from the encroaching Atlantic, whose waters already flood the city's narrow streets about 10 times a year — a problem worsening as sea levels rise. The city relies on tourism, but visitors might someday have to wear waders at high tide.

"If you want to benefit from the fact we've been here for 450 years, you have the responsibility to look forward to the next 450," said Bill Hamilton, whose family



In this Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 photo a sea wall separating the Matanzas River and U.S. Highway 1 is seen, in St. Augustine, Fla. Associated Press

has lived in the city since the 1950s. "Is St. Augustine even going to be here?"

We owe it to the people coming after us to leave the city in good shape."

St. Augustine is one of many chronically flooded communities along Florida's coast, and officials in these diverse places share a concern:

They're afraid their buildings and economies will be further inundated by rising seas in just a couple of decades. The effects are a daily reality in much of

Florida.

Drinking water wells are fouled by seawater. Higher tides and storm surges make for more frequent road flooding from Jacksonville to Key West, and they're overburdening aging flood-control systems. But the state has yet to offer a clear plan or coordination to address what local officials across Florida's coast see as a slow-moving emergency. Republican Gov. Rick Scott is skeptical of man-made climate change and has put aside the task of preparing for sea level rise, an Associated Press review of thousands of emails and documents pertaining to the state's preparations for rising seas found.

Despite warnings from water experts and climate scientists, skepticism over sea level projections and climate change science has hampered planning efforts at all levels of government, the records showed.

Florida's environmental agencies under Scott have been downsized, making

them less effective at coordinating sea level rise planning in the state, documents showed.

The issue presents a public works challenge that could cost billions here and nationwide.

Insurance giant Swiss Re has estimated that the economy in southeast Florida could sustain \$33 billion in damage from climate-related damage in 2030.

Communities like St. Augustine can do only so much alone. Cities lack the technology, money and manpower to keep back the seas by themselves.

In a brief interview with the AP in March, Scott wouldn't address whether the state had a long-range plan. He cited his support for Everglades restoration and some flood-control projects as progress but said cities and counties should contact environmental and water agencies to find answers — though Scott and a Republican-led legislature have slashed billions from those agencies. □



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Fox calling an end to 'American Idol'

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox is lowering the curtain on "American Idol," ending a series that dominated television throughout the 2000s and made stars of the likes of Simon Cowell, Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood.

The network announced Monday that "American Idol" will go off the air after its 15th and final season next spring. The cast from the past few seasons, with Ryan Seacrest as host and Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick Jr. as judges, will return for a season-long celebration of the show's history.

"It was not an easy decision." "American Idol" has been such a vital part of Fox for its run," said Gary Newman, Fox Television Group co-chairman and CEO. He promised a season-long celebration that matches the show's significance, with the suggestion that its big-name contestants and past judges may be involved.

"American Idol" faded over the past few years, eclipsed in the music competition genre it pioneered



In a Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014 file photo, from left to right, singer Keith Urban, singer and actress Jennifer Lopez, and singer Harry Connick, Jr. arrive on set of "American Idol" in Los Angeles.

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by NBC's "The Voice." Personnel changes didn't help, and neither did tinkering with the format, as the show fell victim to what usually kills off most television series — old age. Still, it was a solid performer for a Fox network that struggles in the ratings.

Dana Walden, co-chairman and CEO of the Fox Television Group, described it as a "pretty emotional decision" to end "American Idol."

Fox and the show's producers were discussing how the series would con-

tinue, but ultimately "we all arrived at the conclusion that it was time to bring the show to an end," said Newman. "But we wanted to do it in a way that was special and celebratory." "Idol" was a quick hit, with fans following contestants who sought the prized "yellow ticket" to Hollywood and a chance at stardom. In the early years, "American Idol" also showed many of the cringe-worthy auditions of contestants with no hope of winning, but has generally resisted those recently.

Simon Cowell, the Brit with a tart tongue and honest assessments, became a star as judge, along with his fellow originals, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson.

The big-voiced Clarkson became a major pop star after winning "Idol," and Underwood is a solid performer on the country charts. Personalities like Adam Lambert and Clay Aiken also became household names after competing on "Idol."

"American Idol" has been a big part of my life for so long, it's frankly hard to imagine it without it," said Seacrest, who was co-host of the show with Brian Dunkleman on the first season, and solo host for all the others. "It's been a remarkable journey, and I feel very fortunate to have been part of a show that made television history in countless ways. It's a show about chasing and fulfilling dreams and, truth be told, it helped some of my own dreams come true, too."

Walden said there are no specific plans yet, but that several former contestants and judges have already

expressed "a lot of enthusiasm" for coming back and celebrating the show's legacy in its final year.

"We're going to deliver a really special season next year," Newman said.

The series averaged 12.69 million viewers during its initial run in 2002, but exploded quickly thereafter, reaching a peak average of more than 30 million viewers each episode in 2006, according to the Nielsen company. It continued averaging more than 20 million viewers an episode through the 2011 season, when its deteriorating popularity accelerated.

Its star at Fox was eclipsed this season by the music-based soap opera "Empire," which will launch its second season in the fall. So far this year, "American Idol" is averaging 9.15 million viewers per episode, Nielsen said.

The show will run in a similar format next season as it has this year, airing Wednesday and Thursday nights starting in January for the beginning stages, then once a week on Thursday for the second part of the season, Fox said. □

'Graduate' actress Elizabeth Wilson dies at 94



NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Elizabeth Wilson, who built a career as a character actress in films such as "The Graduate" and "9 to 5," has died. She was 94.

Wilson, who lived in Branford with her sister, died Saturday at Yale-New Haven Hospital, actress Elizabeth Morton, a spokeswoman for the family, said Monday.

In this May 7, 1980 file photo, actress Elizabeth Wilson is hugged by actor Dustin Hoffman during his visit backstage at the Lyceum Theater following a matinee performance of "Morning's At Seven," in New York. Associated Press

Wilson played Dustin Hoffman's mother in "The Graduate" and the character Roz in "9 to 5." She had roles in almost 30 films, including "Catch-22" and "Regarding Henry," and appeared in numerous stage and television shows, playing Archie Bunker's cousin on "All in the Family." Wilson won a Tony Award for her performance in 1972's "Sticks and Bones." She made her Broadway debut in 1953 in "Picnic," and appeared in the Broadway revival of "Uncle Vanya" in 1973. "I had no desire to be a star," she told The Hartford Courant last July. "I wanted to be

a character actress and be able to do all kinds of parts and work on a lot of things. That was my unconscious choice. I wanted to be an undercover actress."

Wilson was born on April 4, 1921, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. She bought a home in Branford in 1988 while working at the Long Wharf Theatre. Wilson is survived by her younger sister, Mary Muir Wilson, with whom she lived, and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service is planned for later this summer, Morton said. □

Miller's dystopian dream roars again in 'Mad Max: Fury Road'

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NEW YORK (AP) — Three and a half decades is a long time for a fever dream. But that's how long the brutal, desolate post-apocalyptic world of "Mad Max" has been percolating, at desert-hot temperatures, in George Miller's head. It was his first film, 1979's "Mad Max," with Mel Gibson, and it led to two more: 1982's "Mad Max: The Road Warrior" and 1985's "Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome." On Friday, he'll release his return to the harsh dystopian landscape of "Mad Max" in "Fury Road," both a sequel and a reboot.

"Once you create characters, the imaginary world is following you — stalking you, as it were — in the deep recesses of your unconscious," said Miller in a recent interview from his home in Australia. "Shooting the film was in many ways very familiar, but in the three decades that had passed since the last one, everything has changed. The world has changed. We've, as film audiences, changed. Cinema has changed. Film language has changed. And I dare say I've changed."

"Mad Max: Fury Road" replaces Mel Gibson with Tom Hardy and welcomes newcomer Charlize Theron as Furiosa, a woman piloting a truck called "the War Rig." With a budget



In this May 7, 2015 file photo, Mel Gibson, from left, Tom Hardy and director/producer George Miller arrive at the premiere of "Mad Max: Fury Road" at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles. Associated Press

of about \$150 million, it's a more extravagant summer spectacle than previous "Mad Max" films. Shooting on "Fury Road" was forced from its native land by unexpected rains in the Outback, decamping to the sands of Namibia for an arduous eight months of shooting.

Miller had spent the intermediate years mainly making family films ("Babe," "Happy Feet") and occasionally trying to mount a fourth "Mad Max." It nearly happened in 2001 with Gibson, and at one point, an animated film was contemplated. But in the end,

Miller was back in the desert, in his late 60s, crashing cars by the dozens.

"It's both a wise man's action movie, coming from the wisdom of a wise elder, and at the same time has the youthful recklessness and anarchy of a young spirit who's prepared to challenge himself," says Hardy. "If Obi-Wan Kenobi could make an action movie, this would have to be it. Or Yoda."

"Fury Road" is otherwise true to the lean, elemental "Mad Max" aesthetic. Max, a Ford Falcon-driving loner, navigates a neo-Medieval wasteland where fuel and

water are in scant supply. The heavy metal mayhem of "Mad Max" has inspired musicians as varied as Tupac and Motley Crew, and in the years since the last "Mad Max," a cottage industry of tamer dystopia has developed.

"You see it over and over again, not only in movies but in music videos and games," says Miller, now 70, of the films' influence. "It's an evolutionary process and one thing builds on the next." "Mad Max," however, separates itself from the post-apocalyptic pack in its cinematic bravado. It's a more inventively shot

blockbuster than most, and rather than spend an hour on muddled exposition, it jumps right into the action. "A Western on wheels," is what Miller likes to call it; "Fury Road" is essentially a relentless three-day car chase.

It's a deliberate approach by Miller, who cites the uninterrupted frenzy of Buster Keaton set pieces, early silent Westerns, Steven Spielberg's "The Duel," the chase classic "Bullitt" and the chariot race of "Ben Hur" as inspirations.

"The strategy on this film was to make it one long chase and see what you could learn about the characters, their relationships and the world on the run," says Miller. "It relies on all the tools of cinema. I like to think we've made a movie movie."

Instead of relying on digital effects, Miller pushed his crew and stuntmen to do as much as possible without the aid of CGI. That gives "Fury Road" a gritty realism often missing from action films, but also meant a lengthy, grueling production way back in 2012, followed by extensive reshoots in late 2013.

"It made for a technically and logistically hard shoot," says Theron, who remains dedicated to Miller. "This is so his world and this world has been inside him for so many years. This is his baby." □

Cleveland museum returns 10th-century statue to Cambodia

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Museum of Art has returned a 10th-century statue to Cambodia after it uncovered evidence the sculpture was probably looted during the country's civil war.

The museum announced Monday that the statue of the Hindu monkey god of Hanuman was returned, The Plain Dealer reports (<http://bit.ly/1F1kFbd>).

The sculpture was displayed constantly at the museum since being acquired in 1982, and was a favorite among school children who imitate its kneeling pose during tours.



This undated photo provided by The Cleveland Museum of Art shows the statue of Hanuman, the Hindu monkey god, in Cleveland.

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Museum officials found last year that the statue's head and body were sold separately in 1968 and 1972 during the Vietnam War and Cambodian civil war. An excavation showed the sculpture's base matched a pedestal at an ancient temple.

The Hanuman is the sixth "blood antiquity" returned to Cambodia in recent years. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York returned two, and one antique has been returned from Sotheby's auction house, Christie's auction house and the Norton Simon Museum.

The talks with Cambodian officials were "enormously cordial, and generous and forthcoming," Museum Director William Griswold said in an interview with the paper. "I'm very optimistic that the conversations we have begun will result in cooperation of various kinds, and we are continuing to explore those possibilities." Griswold arrived in Phnom Penh on Sunday and is scheduled to sign documents Tuesday with other officials including the country's deputy prime minister, the museum said.

The museum also said it entered an agreement

with the National Museum of Cambodia to facilitate joint projects.

The Cleveland Museum of Art gave 14 pieces of art to Italy in 2009 and has received pressure from other countries to return art, including Greece and Turkey.

But the Hanuman's return is not indicative that the museum will return other antiquities with known find sites, Griswold said.

"Each situation is going to be completely different, and the analysis is going to be different for each one," he said. □

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